

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1- 4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Cioli et al. (U.S. Patent 6,510,151) (Cioli) in view of Gossett Dalton et al.

Cioli teaches a method and apparatus for filtering packets received by a switch in which a set of known connection-oriented virtual connections for the switch are stored, a packet corresponding to one of the known virtual connections is forwarded from one port to another port, and one of the packets selectively in line is filtered and received by the switch on the first port, when the packet does not correspond to one of the known virtual connections.

In the Office Action Cioli is equated to CPU 23 with the main processor of independent claim 1, referenced portion in col.7, lines 55-67 with the first portion of same, and referenced portion in col.7, lines 34-42 with the second portion of same.

✓ However, contrary to claim 1, the first portion of Cioli is not arranged at a subsequent stage of the main processor and does not determine whether or not a packet outputted from the main processor is conformable with a session establishment condition.

✗ Moreover, the second portion of Cioli et al. is not arranged at a preceding stage of the main processor and does not receive and hold packet information from the first portion.

For at least the foregoing reasons Cioli fails to disclose the features of the present invention as claimed in claim 1.

Gossett Dalton et al. fails to teach the lacking features of Cioli and an analysis of whether or not Gossett Dalton et al. discloses a priority control process is not discussed herein. The features of applicant's Claim 1 will not be achieved nor are suggested by combining the teaching of Cioli with that of Gossett Dalton et al. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted claim 1 is

patentable over Cioli in view of Gossett Dalton et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 2-4, and 12 are likewise patentable over Cioli in view of Gossett Dalton et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) at least because of their direct or indirect dependency from claim 1 and because they each recite additional distinguishing features.

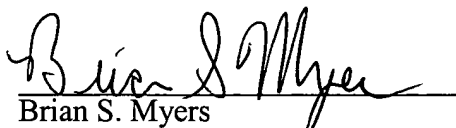
Claims 5-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cioli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,510,151) in view of Boucher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,060).

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 5-11 are likewise patentable over Cioli in view of Boucher et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) at least because of their direct or indirect dependency from claim 1 and because they each recite additional distinguishing features.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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